year. It can be said that, at present, the production of liquid fuels from coal in India is not favourable on a commercial scale.

L.P.G. connections

684. DR. (MOHD.) HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for the grant of LPG Connections in the country as on June 1986; and

(b) the number of LPG Connections provided during the first half year of 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) 36.12 lakhs.

(b) 8.70 lakhs.

Supply of white printing paper for text books

685. SHRI ALADI ARUNA ALIAS V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement for supply of white printing paper at the concessional rates for printing of text books and for manufacture of exercise books;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and how much paper was supplied under this arrangement during the last three years, year-wise, and

(c) what are the regulations, if any, prescribed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The supply of white printing paper to the education sector is being regulated through the mechanism of Paper (Regulation of Production) Order, 1978 and Paper (Control) Order, 1979. In terms of these orders, the paper mills are required to produce white printing paper to the extent prescribed and supply it to the various text book and exercise book manufacturers etc. according to the direction of Government at the ex-factory price as fixed from time to time. The present ex-factory price is Rs. 7,200 per tonne.

The supplies made upto 31.3.1986 by the paper mills against allocations in the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Supplies (in tonnes)
	(Estimated)
1983-84	88,636
1984-85	97,173
1985-86	46,542

Supplies against allocations are still continuing.

Appointment of Chief Justices of Bombay and Allahabad High Courts

686. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the Government's policy to have Chief Justices of High Courts from outside the jurisdiction of respective High Courts;

(b) Whether exceptions have been made in the matter of appointment of Chief Justices of Bombay and Allahabad High Courts recently; and

(c) what are the reasons for such a departure from the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The recent appointment of Chief Justices of the Bombay and

Allahabad High Courts have been made by the Government preliminary to their transfer to outside High Courts.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacancies of High Court Judges in Karnataka

687. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister Law and JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of High Court Judges are still kept unfilled in Karnataka; and

(b) what are the reasons for not filling those vacancies in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) There are 3 vacancies in the Karnataka High Court against the sanctioned strength of 24 Judges. It has been decided in principle to creates 6 new posts of Judges/Additional Judges. The vacancy of Chief Justice would be filled in shortly. The matter of appointment other Judges is engaging the due attention of the Government of India.

Industries in Pondicherry

688. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many large scale industries have been earmarked in the Seventh Five Yer Plan for the Union Territory of Pondicherry;

(b) for how many industries in the large scale sector 'Letter of Intent' has already been issued by the Central Government; and

(c) how many industries have started production so for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) An outlay of Rs. 309 lakhs has been aproved for large and medium industries in the Union Territory of Pondicherry during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, a total of 29 letters of intent were issued during the years 1984 to 1986 (upto June) for setting up of industries in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. 5 of these letters of intent have already been converted into industrial licences and 1 letter of intent has since been treated as lapsed.

A letter of intent is isssued with an initial validity period of one year and further extensions can also be granted on adequate justification. After the entrepreneur fulfils the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted into an industrial licence. The initial validity period of an industrial ilcence is two years within which the entrepreneur concerned is required to start commercial production. The validity period of an industrial licence can, however, be extended even beyond 2 years on justifiable grounds. It, therefore, takes about 3 to 4 years for an industrial project to fructify. Actual gescation period, however varies from project to project.

Missing of Confidential ONGC Papers.

689. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain confidential ONGC papers pertaining to the drilling and other important operations in the country were recently found mising under mysterious circumstances; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government to locate the papers